


REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are now pending in the application. The Office has entered an Election/Restriction Requirement, stating that the present application contains claims directed to several "patentably distinct species". Applicant submits that the Office has mis-characterized the situation by mixing bases for restriction and election of species. Applicant believes that the Office meant to enter a three-way restriction requirement, with the inventions including: (1) a vacuum with a filter indicator; (2) a vacuum with a set of inflator nozzles; and (3) a vacuum with an adaptor.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of the portable vacuum with a set of inflator nozzles, which the Office has acknowledged is defined by claims 19-32 (i.e., claims 19-32 are readable on the elected invention). As the above-referenced inventions are independent, there is no generic claim.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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